

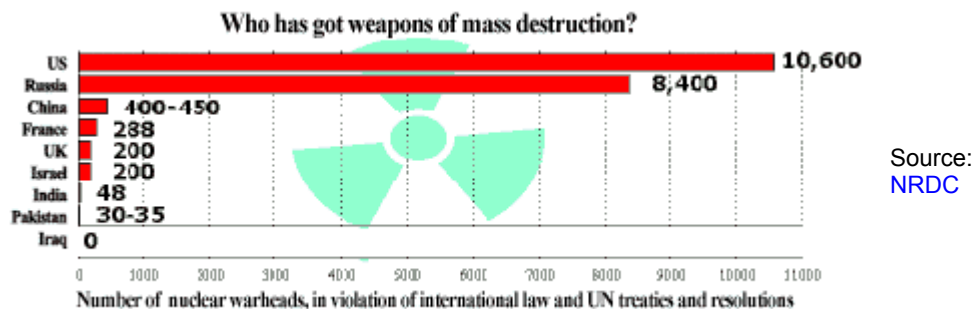
No money for the war - boycott the US

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On February 15th, millions of people around the world took to the streets to express opposition to the coming war on Iraq. Opinion polls around the world show a large majority of citizens do not want a war in Iraq. The Bush Administration has decided to ignore these people - including millions of US citizens - who demand a peaceful resolution to the Iraqi conflict. The Bush Administration is also prepared to go to war unilaterally, with or without a UN resolution. We have demonstrated and are being ignored. We must therefore adopt more effective non-violent means to stop this war - we must boycott US products until the Bush administration has stopped its military aggression against Iraq.

The American economy is directly linked to the war on Iraq. Oil companies and arms companies, in particular, stand to make huge profits from a war on Iraq. Many other companies are relying on the US war machine to open up and secure markets for them around the world. Many of these companies contributed directly or indirectly to the campaign funds of George W. Bush. Focusing on doing economic damage to specific companies will send a clear signal that there can be no more business as usual, as long as those businesses contribute to, and benefit from, a war on Iraq.



We will contact the US companies that we are boycotting, to ask for their help to convince President Bush of the need for a diplomatic solution to the Iraqi conflict. To choose to boycott is not an easy choice. Many people rely on American products in their daily life. This action is not targeted against the American people -- many already suffer from a sinking economy (uninsured, unemployed, homeless...) and a fear of growing anti-Americanism around the world.

We are not anti-American, or pro-Saddam. In fact, we realize that a war on Iraq will not only kill and hurt hundreds of thousands of Iraqis, but that it will also further destabilize the region, leading to greater anti-American sentiment and increased threats of terrorist attacks on US soil. The money that is currently being spent on preparing for war could provide a higher standard of living for everyone in the US, and solve many of the most pressing global problems.

Many boycotts of US products have already been called, against the war and for other reasons. We support these initiatives, and aim to centralize this information, as well as providing information on the links between other US companies and the war on Iraq.

We hope this boycott will help to make a difference between war and peace, life and death, destruction and reconstruction.

Boycott US arms companies

Of course, most of us know that US arms companies will be amongst the first, and most important "winners" from any war on Iraq. They get to showcase their new weapons systems, and the longer the war continues, the more weapons have to be produced to replace those used in the killing of innocent civilians.

However, most of us are also not direct consumers of military equipment. It is very easy for us not to buy Lockheed Martin missile systems, or GKN tanks.

Where we can have an influence as consumers is on those arms companies which also sell household goods, such as computers, cookers or fridges.

For More Information:

[Reaching Critical Will "Dirtiest Dozen" companies involved in weapons of mass destruction](#)

General Electric

As well as producing engines for several types of US and British military planes and helicopters, General Electric also produce a huge range of household appliances. Boycotting their household appliances would be an important way to show opposition to the more deadly side of their business.

For more information:

[General Electric Household Appliances](#)

[General Electric Aircraft Engines](#)

Boycott oil US products

Despite the Bush administration's claims that the proposed war on Iraq is only about weapons of mass destruction, simmering below the surface is Bush's 'need' to secure a continued supply of cheap oil.

While oil is not the only factor motivating Bush's preparations for war, US oil dependency is playing a large part in fuelling conflict in the Middle East region.

Iraq is sitting on 10% of the world's oil reserves - 112bn barrels, second only to Saudi Arabia. That's 16 years worth of US oil consumption. It is only currently producing a fraction of that potential, and large sectors of Iraqi territory have never been fully explored, so there is a good chance that their actual reserves may be far greater. The US Department of Energy recently confirmed that 'Iraq's oil production costs are amongst the lowest in the world, making it a highly attractive oil prospect.'

Now US energy policy is setting the path for the nation's foreign policy. Yet there are alternative routes. As Peter Hain, UK Foreign Office Minister of State, has said:

'There is no better way to enhance our energy security, and thus to increase our ability to pursue our broader foreign policy objectives, than by finding innovative and cost-effective ways to reduce our dependence on oil as a transport fuel. Doing so would also have the added benefit of boosting other domestic and foreign policy objectives, particularly those on air quality and climate change.'

ExxonMobil/Esso

The company that has done more than any other to keep the US hooked on oil is ExxonMobil (known as Esso in the UK and Europe). In order to protect its business in fossil fuels, ExxonMobil has spent the last decade sabotaging international action on climate change and directing US climate and energy policy. It has made concerted efforts to undermine the accepted scientific consensus on climate change, and is still misleading the public and policy makers over the economic implications of tackling global warming. It has also funded 'climate sceptic' scientists and industry front groups to lobby on its behalf. When Bush pulled out of the Kyoto Protocol in 2001, ExxonMobil was the architect of his climb-down.

For More information:

[Stop Esso](#)

ChevronTexaco

Another large US oil multinational, based in Texas, already subject to a boycott because of its environmental and human rights record. It also stands to gain a significant amount from a change in regime in Iraq.

For More information:

[Corporate Watch: ChevronTexaco boycott](#)

Boycott US car companies and airlines

We boycott airlines because they will be amongst the first beneficiaries of cheap post-war Iraqi oil

Major US carriers

Alaska Airlines, Aloha Airlines, America West, American Airlines, Continental Airlines, Delta Airlines, Northwest Airlines, Southwest Airlines, TWA, United Airlines, USAir

We boycott car companies for the same reason. Further US cars are infamous for their very high consumption of petrol compared to other cars. One of the reasons is of course the very cheap price of petrol for consumers at petrol stations in the US.

Major US car companies

Cadillac, Chevrolet, Dodge, Ford, General Motors, Daimler Chrysler, Lincoln and Harley Davidson motorbikes.

Boycott symbols of US imperialism

There are a few companies that occupy a unique place in the world's imagination, as symbols of US cultural and economic power and influence. For some people, these companies and their products are shining lights of freedom and justice. But for us, they are symbols of US imperialism...

These companies are not only responsible for environmental devastation, and human rights abuses, but they also depend on the strength of the US war machine to open up markets around the world. Many of them are also major donors to the Republican party.

Of course, we could have picked thousands of companies to boycott, but we have selected those companies which are already subject to boycott campaigns, or those companies which represent a particularly insidious aspect of American culture.

Altria (Philip Morris/Kraft)

Altria is the new name for tobacco and food giant Phillip Morris. They are major donors to the Republican party. As well as being responsible for millions of smoking related deaths, they are currently subject to a boycott by the US peace movement.

[\(List of brands\)](#)

Leading cigarette brands of Philip Morris USA and Philip Morris International include: Marlboro, Basic, Chesterfield, Lark, L&M, Parliament and Virginia Slims.

Leading brands of Kraft Foods North America and Kraft Foods International include: Kraft, Jacobs, Maxwell House, Milka, Nabisco, Oreo, Oscar Mayer, Philadelphia, Post and Tang

For more information:

[Be the cause](#)

Pepsico (Pepsi Cola)

Pepsico are makers of Pepsi Cola. They also own Starbucks.

[\(Complete list of Pepsico brands\)](#)

Pepsi-Cola

Caffeine Free Pepsi

Diet Pepsi

7UP

Pepsi Max

Pepsi Limón

Pepsi Light

Loóza juices and nectars

Copella juices

Fruí'Vita juices

Tropicana 100 juices

Gatorade Thirst Quencher

Gatorade Frost Thirst Quencher

Gatorade Fierce Thirst Quencher

Gatorade Ice Thirst Quencher

Gatorade Energy Bar

Crueli cereal

Quaker Oatso Simple hot cereal

FrescAvena beverage powder

Toddy chocolate powder

Toddynho chocolate drink

Coqueiro canned fish

Sugar Puffs cereal

Harvest Crunch cereal

Scott's Porage Oats

Quaker Snack-a-Jacks rice cakes

Quaker Dipps granola bars

For more information:

[Be the cause](#)

Coca Cola

Not any better than Pepsico, and probably a much stronger symbol of US imperialism. They have a track record of brutal suppression of trade union activity around the world. A rival "Mecca Cola" has been launched in France, aimed at Muslims (and anyone else) who would like to boycott Coca Cola.

For more information:

[Coke Spotlight](#)

McDonalds

Just about everyone can find something wrong with the fast food giants McDonalds. They have a terrible record on the environment and human rights, as well as serving poor quality food that will eventually kill you. They have been subject to a sustained worldwide campaign for several years.

For more information:

[McSpotlight](#)

Bush Donors

This is a listing of all the Republican Party's biggest donors.

More information: [Open Secrets](#)

MBNA \$3.0m
Philip Morris \$2.9m
Microsoft Corp \$2.4m
Bristol Myers Squibb \$2.1m
Pfizer \$1.9m
Enron \$1.8m
Citigroup \$1.8m
Time Warner/AOL \$1.6m
Amway \$1.3m
Glaxo SmithKline \$1.3m
Exxon Mobil \$1.2m
News Corp \$1.2m
General Electric \$1.1m
Limited Inc \$950k
BP Amoco \$950k
American Airlines \$900k
Schering Plough \$900k
Anheuser Busch \$850k
Chevron Texaco \$800k
Revlon Group \$760k
American Home Pr. \$740k
PepsiCo \$720k
Walt Disney \$640k
WalMart \$630k
Texas Utilities \$630k
Coca Cola \$610k
UAL Corp \$570k
Archer Daniels Mi. \$530k
Ford \$510k
General Motors \$510k